

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-20 are pending. Claims 1-20 have been rejected. Claims 1, and 17 have been amended. The amendment of Claim 1 is supported by original Claims 14 and 15. Claim 17 has merely been amended to correct claim dependency arising from the cancelling of preceding Claims. Claims 2 and 14-16 have been canceled. Claims 9 and 18-20 stand withdrawn from further consideration for being directed to a nonelected species.

The §112 Rejection

Claim 2 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 first and second paragraph as being indefinite. Claim 2 has been cancelled rendering this rejection moot.

The §103(a) Rejection

Claims 1, 3-8, 10-14, 16 and 17 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over various cited patents of record.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the requirements of Claim 15 and its intervening Claim 14. Claim 15 has been objected to for depending upon a rejected base claim that would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim. Claim 1 has been amended as such, therefore, Claim 1 and its dependent Claims are non-obvious.

Claim Objections

Claim 2 was objected to for containing three period marks. Claim 2 has been cancelled rendering this objection moot.

Claims 9 and 18-20 have been objected to for not having the correct status identifiers. The identifiers for these claims have been added as suggested. Since Claim 1 is, however, a generic claim linking the species not elected (i.e., Claims

9 and 18-20), Applicants respectively request the entrance of these to the case. Consequently, Applicants, therefore, respectfully request withdrawal of all rejections, objections and restrictions and allowance of Claims 1, 3-13, and 17-20.

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